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**AMENDMENT No. 1 PROPOSED TO**

**House Bill NO. 1196**

**By Senator(s) Committee**

**Amend by striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

38        SECTION 1. (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
39 shall construct to department design standards, shall perform such  
40 reconstruction as may be required to existing highways and shall  
41 acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain proceedings such  
42 property as may be necessary to provide four (4) lanes for traffic  
43 on and along the following location:

44        Central District - Lauderdale County:

45        Old U.S. Highway 45 beginning in the City of Meridian at  
46        or near the old Coca Cola Company and extending  
47        northerly approximately four (4) miles to U.S.  
48        Highway 45.

49        (2) The mileage of highway specifically designated in  
50 subsection (1) of this section shall be under the jurisdiction of  
51 the Mississippi Transportation Commission for construction and  
52 maintenance and, together with the highways designated in Sections  
53 65-3-3 and 65-3-5, and all other laws adding links to the state  
54 designated highway system, are declared to be the state highway  
55 system of Mississippi.

56        (3) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall  
57 construct and maintain appropriate exits in Leake County from  
58 Mississippi 25 to the frontage road, which is Old Mississippi 25,

59 located east of the bridge on Mississippi 25 crossing Mississippi  
60 35. Further, the Mississippi Department of Transportation shall  
61 clearly identify these exits by erecting the proper signs showing  
62 where the exits will take a motorist. This construction shall be  
63 done as soon as possible.

64 SECTION 2. The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
65 shall implement a study of the feasibility of constructing a  
66 four-lane, east/west corridor in Harrison County from the Jackson  
67 County line to the Harrison County line.

68 SECTION 3. (1) The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
69 shall construct, reconstruct, straighten and realign the following  
70 highway, which highway is designated as a state highway and is  
71 placed under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation  
72 Commission for construction and maintenance; and such highway,  
73 together with the highways designated in Sections 65-3-3 and  
74 65-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, and all other laws adding links  
75 to the designated state highway system, are declared to be the  
76 state highway system of Mississippi:

77 Northern District - Panola County:

78 Beginning at presently designated MS 315 in Section 30,  
79 Township 8 South, Range 5 West, thence southeasterly to  
80 intersect MS 6 in Section 32, Township 8 South, Range 5  
81 West, being approximately 2.2 miles in length.

82 (2) The mileage of highway specifically designated in  
83 subsection (1) of this section is in addition to the total mileage  
84 limitation of eight thousand six hundred (8,600) miles that is set  
85 out in Section 65-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

86 SECTION 4. (1) The mileage of highway specifically  
87 designated in subsection (2) of this section is in addition to the  
88 total mileage limitation of eight thousand six hundred (8,600)  
89 miles that is set out in Section 65-3-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

90 (2) The following highway route is designated as a state  
91 highway and is placed under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi

92 Transportation Commission for construction and maintenance; and  
93 such highway, together with the highways designated in Sections  
94 65-3-3 and 65-3-5, Mississippi Code of 1972, and all other laws  
95 adding links to the designated state highway system, are declared  
96 to be the state highway system of Mississippi:

97 Northern District - Kemper County

98 That portion of Old Highway 463 from Mississippi  
99 Highway 16 northerly to Mississippi Highway 397.

100 SECTION 5. The Mississippi Transportation Commission may  
101 maintain, construct, take over and assume jurisdiction of the  
102 highway designated in Section 4 of this act in the same manner and  
103 upon the same terms and conditions as set out in Sections 65-1-75,  
104 65-3-3, 65-9-1 and 65-9-3, Mississippi Code of 1972.

105 SECTION 6. The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
106 shall perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary  
107 right-of-way and construct or reconstruct and maintain as a  
108 four-lane highway the following segment of highway:

109 Northern District-Lafayette County:

110 Mississippi 7 beginning at its intersection with  
111 Mississippi 6 and extending southerly to its  
112 intersection with Mississippi 9 West.

113 SECTION 7. (1) The mileage of road specifically designated  
114 in subsection (2) of this section is in addition to the total  
115 mileage limitation of eight thousand six hundred (8,600) miles  
116 that is set out in Section 65-3-3.

117 (2) The following road is designated as a state highway and  
118 is placed under the jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation  
119 Commission for construction and maintenance; and such highway,  
120 together with the highways designated in Sections 65-3-3 and  
121 65-3-5, and all other laws adding links to the designated state  
122 highway system, are declared to be the state highway system of  
123 Mississippi:

124 Northern District - Chickasaw County:

125 Old Highway 389 from the point where it intersects  
126 Mississippi Highway 15 south of the City of Houston,  
127 thence northerly through the City of Houston to the  
128 point at which Old Highway 389 meets Mississippi  
129 Highway 15 north of the City of Houston.

130 (3) The Mississippi Transportation Commission shall  
131 maintain, construct, take over and assume jurisdiction of the  
132 highway designated in subsection (2) of this section in the same  
133 manner and upon the same terms and conditions as set out in  
134 Sections 65-1-75, 65-3-3, 65-9-1 and 65-9-3.

135 SECTION 8. The Mississippi Department of Transportation  
136 shall construct and maintain an interchange on U.S. Highway 45 at  
137 Meridian between State Highway 19 and Causeyville Road.

138 SECTION 9. Section 65-3-97, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
139 amended as follows:

140 65-3-97. (1) In addition to and including all other  
141 highways designated as a part of the state highway system, there  
142 is hereby designated as a part thereof a four-lane highway system  
143 to connect various areas of the state with interstate and primary  
144 highways. The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall  
145 construct and reconstruct four-lane highways, that is, not less  
146 than two (2) lanes for traffic flowing in each direction, along  
147 the routes designated in this section.

148 (2) In the construction and reconstruction of the four-lane  
149 highway system designated in this section, the Mississippi  
150 Department of Transportation may utilize the roadway of any  
151 existing highway under its jurisdiction and control and shall do  
152 so when such utilization is feasible, provided that such highways  
153 which are utilized shall be constructed to current standards for  
154 such roadways. When it is not feasible to utilize existing  
155 designated highways, the Transportation Department shall relocate  
156 such highways and construct entirely new facilities whether in  
157 urban or rural areas.

158           (3) Construction of the four-lane highway system designated  
159 in this subsection shall commence, proceed and be performed by the  
160 Mississippi Department of Transportation strictly in accordance  
161 with the following set of priorities established for the letting  
162 of contracts on and along various segments thereof:

163           (a) Of the following group of highway segments not less  
164 than fifteen percent (15%) of all contracts necessary to be let  
165 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by  
166 June 30, 1988, not less than thirty percent (30%) of such  
167 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1989, not less than fifty  
168 percent (50%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1990, not  
169 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by  
170 June 30, 1991, not less than ninety percent (90%) of such  
171 contracts shall be let by June 30, 1992, and one hundred percent  
172 (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993:

173           (i) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45  
174 beginning at the Clarke/Lauderdale county line and extending  
175 northerly to I-59; then beginning at Macon and extending northerly  
176 to Brooksville; then beginning at Columbus Air Force Base and  
177 extending northerly to Aberdeen; then beginning at U.S. 278 and  
178 extending northerly to Shannon; then beginning at Saltillo and  
179 extending northerly to Corinth.

180           (ii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45A  
181 beginning at U.S. 82 and extending northerly to West Point; then  
182 beginning four (4) miles south of Okolona and extending northerly  
183 to Shannon.

184           (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W  
185 beginning at U.S. 49 and extending westerly through Yazoo City to  
186 the Yazoo River.

187           (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W  
188 beginning at Inverness and extending northerly to Indianola.

189           (v) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61  
190 beginning at Port Gibson and extending northerly to the four-lane

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191 south of Vicksburg.

192                   (vi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 72  
193 beginning at or near Mt. Pleasant and extending southeasterly to  
194 Mississippi 5; then beginning at Walnut and extending  
195 southeasterly to Corinth; then beginning at Strickland and  
196 extending southeasterly to Burnsville.

197                   (vii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 78  
198 beginning at Holly Springs and extending southeasterly to the New  
199 Albany bypass; then beginning at Mississippi 25 and extending  
200 southeasterly to Tremont.

201                   (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82  
202 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to Kilmichael; then  
203 beginning at Eupora and extending easterly to Mathiston; then  
204 beginning at Mississippi 12 and extending easterly to the Alabama  
205 state line.

206                   (ix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 84  
207 beginning at I-59 and extending easterly to the Jones/Wayne county  
208 line.

209                   (x) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98  
210 beginning at Columbia and extending easterly to the Marion/Lamar  
211 county line; then beginning at U.S. 49 and extending southeasterly  
212 to the Alabama state line.

213                   (b) Of the following group of highway segments not less  
214 than five percent (5%) of all contracts necessary to be let for  
215 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June  
216 30, 1991, not less than ten percent (10%) of such contracts shall  
217 be let by June 30, 1992, not less than twenty-five percent (25%)  
218 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1993, not less than  
219 forty percent (40%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30,  
220 1994, not less than fifty-five percent (55%) of such contracts  
221 shall be let by June 30, 1995, not less than seventy percent (70%)  
222 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1996, not less than  
223 eighty-five percent (85%) of such contracts shall be let by June

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224 30, 1997, and one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall  
225 be let by June 30, 1998:

226 (i) Highway segments along or near Mississippi 25  
227 beginning at Mississippi 471 and extending northeasterly to  
228 Mississippi 43; then beginning at the Winston/Oktibbeha county  
229 line and extending northeasterly to Starkville.

230 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
231 63 beginning at the Jackson/George county line and extending  
232 northerly to Lucedale.

233 (iii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
234 302 beginning at I-55 in Southaven and extending easterly to U.S.  
235 72 at or near Mt. Pleasant.

236 (iv) Highway segments along or near U.S. 45  
237 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to the  
238 Clarke/Lauderdale county line; then beginning at Lauderdale and  
239 extending northerly to Macon; then beginning at Aberdeen and  
240 extending northerly to U.S. 278.

241 (v) A highway segment along or near U.S. 45A  
242 beginning at West Point and extending northerly to four (4) miles  
243 south of Okolona.

244 (vi) A highway segment beginning at Brooksville  
245 along or near U.S. 45 or U.S. 45A and extending northerly to U.S.  
246 82, such segment having been designated by the Transportation  
247 Commission pursuant to the provisions of paragraph (1)(c) of this  
248 section.

249 (vii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 49W  
250 beginning at the Yazoo River and extending northerly to Inverness.

251 (viii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 61  
252 beginning at the Louisiana state line and extending northerly to  
253 the Wilkinson/Adams county line; then beginning at Washington and  
254 extending northerly to Port Gibson; then beginning at Merigold and  
255 extending northerly to Shelby; then beginning at the north end of  
256 the Clarksdale bypass and extending northerly to the Tennessee

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257 state line.

258 (ix) A highway segment along or near U.S. 72  
259 beginning at Mississippi 5 and extending southeasterly to Walnut.

260 (x) A highway segment along or near U.S. 78  
261 beginning at Tremont and extending southeasterly to the Alabama  
262 state line.

263 (xi) Highway segments along or near U.S. 82  
264 beginning at the Montgomery/Webster county line and extending  
265 easterly to Eupora; then beginning at Mathiston and extending  
266 easterly to Starkville.

267 (xii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84  
268 beginning at Leesdale and extending easterly to Roxie; then  
269 beginning at Auburn Road and extending easterly to I-55; then  
270 beginning at the east end of the Brookhaven bypass and extending  
271 easterly to Prentiss; then beginning at the Jones/Covington county  
272 line and extending easterly to Horse Creek; then beginning at the  
273 Jones/Wayne county line and extending easterly to Waynesboro.

274 (xiii) Highway segments along or near U.S. 98  
275 beginning at the Pike/Walthall county line and extending easterly  
276 to Columbia; then beginning at the Marion/Lamar county line and  
277 extending easterly to the four-lane west of Hattiesburg.

278 (c) Of the following group of highway segments not less  
279 than ten percent (10%) of all contracts necessary to be let for  
280 completion of all segments within the group shall be let by June  
281 30, 1996, not less than twenty percent (20%) of such contracts  
282 shall be let by June 30, 1997, not less than forty percent (40%)  
283 of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1998, and one hundred  
284 percent (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 1999:

285 (i) A highway segment along or near Mississippi 25  
286 beginning at Mississippi 43 and extending northeasterly to the  
287 Winston/Oktibbeha county line.

288 (ii) A highway segment along or near Mississippi  
289 63 beginning at Lucedale and extending northerly to U.S. 45 at



290 State Line.

291 (iii) A highway segment along or near U.S. 61  
292 beginning at Shelby and extending northerly to U.S. 49.

293 (iv) A highway segment along or near U.S. 82  
294 beginning at Kilmichael and extending easterly to the  
295 Montgomery/Webster county line.

296 (v) Highway segments along or near U.S. 84  
297 beginning at Eddiceton and extending easterly to Auburn Road; then  
298 beginning at Prentiss and extending easterly to Collins; then  
299 beginning at Waynesboro and extending easterly to the Alabama  
300 state line.

301 (d) (i) Of the following group of highway segments not  
302 less than five percent (5%) of all contracts necessary to be let  
303 for completion of all segments within the group shall be let by  
304 June 30, 2002, not less than fifteen percent (15%) of such  
305 contracts shall be let by June 30, 2003, not less than twenty-five  
306 percent (25%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 2004, not  
307 less than thirty-five percent (35%) of such contracts shall be let  
308 by June 30, 2005, not less than forty-five percent (45%) of such  
309 contracts shall be let by June 30, 2006, not less than sixty  
310 percent (60%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 2007, not  
311 less than seventy percent (70%) of such contracts shall be let by  
312 June 30, 2008, not less than eighty percent (80%) of such  
313 contracts shall be let by June 30, 2009, not less than ninety  
314 percent (90%) of such contracts shall be let by June 30, 2010, and  
315 one hundred percent (100%) of such contracts shall be let by June  
316 30, 2011:

317 A. A highway segment along or near  
318 Mississippi 6 beginning at the Clarksdale bypass and extending  
319 easterly to Batesville.

320 B. A highway segment along or near  
321 Mississippi 12 beginning at I-55 and extending easterly to  
322 Kosciusko.

323 C. A highway segment along or near  
324 Mississippi 15 beginning at I-10 and extending northerly to  
325 Mississippi 26; then beginning at U.S. Highway 98 and extending  
326 northerly to the Mississippi/Tennessee state line.

327 D. A highway segment consisting of two (2)  
328 lanes of construction and two (2) lanes of right-of-way  
329 acquisition along or near Mississippi 15 beginning at Mississippi  
330 26 and extending northerly to U.S. Highway 98.

331 E. A highway segment along or near  
332 Mississippi 19 beginning at Collinsville and extending  
333 northwesterly to Kosciusko.

334 F. Highway segments along or near Mississippi  
335 25 beginning at Aberdeen and extending northerly to Fulton; then  
336 beginning at the Alabama state line and extending northerly to  
337 U.S. Highway 72.

338 G. A highway segment along or near U.S.  
339 Highway 61 beginning at Redwood and extending northerly to Leland.

340 H. A highway segment along or near U.S.  
341 Highway 98 beginning at Meadville and extending southeasterly to  
342 Summit \* \* \*.

343 I. A highway segment along or near  
344 Mississippi Highway 24/48 beginning at Woodville and extending  
345 easterly to McComb \* \* \*.

346 J. A highway segment along or near  
347 Mississippi 35 beginning at the Mississippi/Louisiana state line  
348 and extending northerly to or near Foxworth.

349 K. A highway segment along or near  
350 Mississippi 27 beginning at I-20 and extending southeasterly to  
351 I-55.

352 L. A highway segment beginning on U.S.  
353 Highway 49 North near Peps Point Road westerly to U.S. Highway 98  
354 West and thence westerly to U.S. Highway 11 South.

355 (ii) Contracts for the construction and/or

356 reconstruction of highway segments designated within this group  
357 shall be let by the Transportation Commission strictly in  
358 accordance with the volume capacity of the highway segment. If  
359 the volume capacity of a highway segment is less than the volume  
360 capacity threshold at which the Transportation Department  
361 recommends the construction of a four-lane highway, then the  
362 Transportation Department shall make other improvements and  
363 highway modifications to such highway segment as needed, such as  
364 straightening and realignment of the existing roadway, the  
365 addition of passing lanes and the widening of existing lanes, and  
366 may acquire any necessary right-of-way for such purposes and for  
367 the purpose of future construction of four-lane highways along  
368 such segments.

369 (4) The construction priorities established in this section  
370 shall not be construed as prohibiting the completion of highway  
371 segments which, on July 1, 1987, are included in the current  
372 three-year plan under Section 65-1-141, and for which, on July 1,  
373 1987, grade and drainage has been completed or contracts for grade  
374 and drainage have been let.

375 (5) Contracts may be let and construction may commence and  
376 be performed concurrently on any of the highway segments  
377 designated in subsection (3) of this section, notwithstanding the  
378 priorities established for the letting of contracts on the various  
379 segments designated therein, provided that funds are available  
380 and, provided that, at all times, the percentages of all contracts  
381 required to be let on the segments designated in paragraphs  
382 (3)(a), (3)(b), (3)(c) and (3)(d), respectively, are, in fact, let  
383 no later than the dates established therein.

384 (6) (a) All highway construction and reconstruction  
385 authorized under this section shall be performed by contract let  
386 on competitive bid in the manner provided by statute; however,  
387 highway segments shall be constructed in lengths of not less than  
388 ten (10) miles.

389           (b) It is the intent of the Legislature that not less  
390 than ten percent (10%) of the amounts authorized to be expended  
391 for construction and reconstruction of the four-lane highway  
392 segments designated in this section shall be expended with small  
393 business concerns owned and controlled by socially and  
394 economically disadvantaged individuals. The term "socially and  
395 economically disadvantaged individuals" shall have the meaning  
396 ascribed to such term under Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act  
397 (15 U.S.C.S., Section 637(d)) and relevant subcontracting  
398 regulations promulgated pursuant thereto; except that women shall  
399 be presumed to be socially and economically disadvantaged  
400 individuals for the purposes of this paragraph (b).

401           (7) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (6)(a)  
402 of this section, the Mississippi Transportation Commission may  
403 construct highway segments of less than ten (10) miles in length  
404 if:

405                   (i) The segment as described in subsection (3) of  
406 this section is less than ten (10) miles in length;

407                   (ii) The segment will connect two (2) existing  
408 four-lane highways;

409                   (iii) The segment will connect an existing  
410 four-lane highway with an incorporated municipality;

411                   (iv) The segment will connect an existing  
412 four-lane highway with a river, the state boundary or any other  
413 natural or man-made barrier;

414                   (v) For a particular project, the costs of  
415 constructing a single segment of at least ten (10) miles in length  
416 would greatly exceed the aggregate costs of constructing two (2)  
417 or more segments; or

418                   (vi) The segment is in an urban area and involves  
419 the completion of bypasses or other construction which will  
420 facilitate and accommodate major traffic movement.

421           (b) In any case in which the Transportation Commission

422 authorizes the construction of a highway segment of less than ten  
423 (10) miles in length, the commission shall set forth and record in  
424 its official minutes explanation and justification therefor based  
425 upon one or more of the conditions prescribed in paragraph (7)(a)  
426 of this section.

427 (8) To assist in defraying the costs and expenses for  
428 construction, reconstruction and relocation of the four-lane  
429 highway system described in this section, the following revenues  
430 shall be paid out of such funds made available to the  
431 Transportation Commission and the Transportation Department:

432 (a) From matched federal funds or other federal funds,  
433 Thirty-two Million Dollars (\$32,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 1988,  
434 Twenty-five Million Dollars (\$25,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 1989,  
435 Thirty Million Dollars (\$30,000,000.00) for Fiscal Year 1990 and  
436 fifty percent (50%) of such federal funds for Fiscal Year 1991 and  
437 each fiscal year thereafter; and

438 (b) Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) from matched  
439 federal bridge replacement funds for Fiscal Year 1988 and each  
440 fiscal year thereafter when the segments proposed for construction  
441 contain bridges that are eligible for replacement under the  
442 Federal Aid Bridge Replacement Program.

443 (9) The Transportation Department shall submit a report to  
444 the Legislature by January 10 of each calendar year setting forth  
445 the current status of the construction program set forth in this  
446 section to include, but not be limited to, the following  
447 information:

448 (a) Specific segments on which engineering is being  
449 performed or has been completed;

450 (b) Specific segments for which right-of-way has been  
451 acquired or is being acquired;

452 (c) Specific segments for which construction contracts  
453 have been let;

454 (d) Specific segments on which construction is in

455 progress;

456 (e) Specific segments on which construction has been  
457 completed;

458 (f) Projections for completion of the next step on each  
459 segment;

460 (g) Revenue derived for such construction program from  
461 each revenue source contained in Chapter 322, Laws, 1987, and in  
462 House Bill No. 1302, 1994 Regular Session [Laws, 1994, Ch. 557];

463 (h) For each fiscal year beginning in 1994, a detailed  
464 cash flow projection by source of program activities and an  
465 estimate of when the program will encounter a funding shortage due  
466 to costs exceeding original projections;

467 (i) A schedule of all complete and open-to-traffic  
468 highway segments and the related total cost of each segment;

469 (j) A schedule of all highway segments on which all  
470 contracts necessary for completion of the segments were not let as  
471 of the date required by law;

472 (k) A complete recap of all program receipts by source,  
473 and of all disbursements for the prior fiscal year and cumulative  
474 totals since the inception of the program as compared to  
475 projections; and

476 (l) A statement from the Department of Transportation  
477 regarding the status of the funding of the program based on agency  
478 cost experience and projections for the future.

479 The report shall be deemed submitted when ten (10) copies are  
480 submitted to the Clerk of the House of Representatives and ten  
481 (10) copies are submitted to the Secretary of the Senate.

482 SECTION 10. Section 65-39-1, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
483 amended as follows:

484 65-39-1. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is  
485 authorized, subject to the availability of funds in the Gaming  
486 Counties State-Assisted Infrastructure Fund created in Section  
487 65-39-17, to conduct feasibility studies and, pursuant to

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488 information gathered in such studies, select routes and locations,  
489 perform preliminary engineering, acquire necessary right-of-way  
490 and property, construct and/or reconstruct and improve existing or  
491 new highways, roads, streets and bridges, including two-lane,  
492 four-lane and multi-lane roads (or segments thereof), perform  
493 intersection improvements, provide signal retiring, turnbay  
494 extensions, additional interchanges and other traffic  
495 modifications, within and approaching those counties in this state  
496 where legal gaming is being conducted or is authorized. Any  
497 highway, road, street or bridge that is authorized to be  
498 constructed, reconstructed or improved shall meet design standards  
499 established by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, shall  
500 be constructed to bear a load limit of at least eighty thousand  
501 (80,000) pounds and, upon completion, shall become a part of the  
502 state highway system, and thereafter shall be under the  
503 jurisdiction of the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the  
504 Mississippi Department of Transportation for construction and  
505 maintenance.

506 (2) The projects authorized in subsection (1) of this  
507 section shall include, but shall not be limited to, highways,  
508 roads, streets and bridges on and along the following locations:

509 (a) U.S. Highway 90 from its intersection with  
510 Mississippi 607 in Hancock County to Ocean Springs, and including  
511 Lakeshore Road in Hancock County from its intersection with U.S.  
512 Highway 90 to Beach Boulevard;

513 (b) Mississippi 4 from U.S. Highway 61 to Mississippi  
514 3;

515 (c) Mississippi 4 from Mississippi 3 to Senatobia;

516 (d) Lorraine/Cowan Road from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10;

517 (e) U.S. Highway 49 from U.S. Highway 90 to I-10 in  
518 Gulfport;

519 (f) Mississippi 304 beginning at the Tennessee State  
520 Line at or near U.S. 72 and thence running in a southwesterly

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521 direction to intersect with U.S. 78 at or near Byhalia and thence  
522 running in a westerly direction to intersect I-55 at or near  
523 Hernando and thence running in a westerly direction to intersect  
524 with U.S. 61 in DeSoto County, with a spur extending southwesterly  
525 to or near Robinsonville in Tunica County;

526 (g) I-10 from Exit 28 to Exit 57;

527 (h) A new location from the northernmost point on I-110  
528 to U.S. 49;

529 (i) U.S. Highway 61 from the Tunica County line to the  
530 Tennessee state line;

531 (j) (i) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16  
532 beginning at its intersection with Mississippi 25 and extending  
533 easterly to join the existing four-lane on the west side of  
534 Carthage within the corporate boundaries;

535 (ii) Passing lanes and turn lanes, as needed,  
536 along Mississippi 16 beginning at a point on the east side of  
537 Carthage within the corporate boundaries where the existing  
538 four-lane ends and extending easterly to the Leake/Neshoba County  
539 line; and

540 (iii) Four-lanes for traffic along Mississippi 16  
541 beginning at the Leake/Neshoba County line and extending easterly  
542 to not more than ten (10) miles east of Mississippi 15;

543 (k) Lorraine/Cowan Road Extension from I-10 North to  
544 relocated/reconstructed Mississippi 67;

545 (l) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 82  
546 and Mississippi 1 in the City of Greenville;

547 (m) At various locations on and along I-20, U.S.  
548 Highway 61 and U.S. Highway 80 in the City of Vicksburg, including  
549 a truck route from Harbor Industrial Park to U.S. Highway 61 north  
550 and an extension of South Frontage Road with railroad bridge to  
551 Interstate Highway 20;

552 (n) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 61,  
553 U.S. Highway 65 and Washington Street in the City of Natchez;

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554 (o) At various locations on and along U.S. Highway 90  
555 in the City of Pass Christian;

556 (p) Mississippi 43/603 beginning where the existing  
557 four-lane ends north of I-10 and extending northerly to a point  
558 approximately one (1) mile north of Kiln where Mississippi 43/603  
559 divides into Mississippi 43 and Mississippi 603;

560 (q) Mississippi 43 beginning where Mississippi 43 and  
561 Mississippi 603 divide and extending northwesterly to or near  
562 Picayune;

563 (r) U.S. 49 from U.S. 61 west to the Mississippi River  
564 bridge;

565 (s) Subject to the conditions prescribed in subsection  
566 (3) of this section, a central Harrison County connector from I-10  
567 to U.S. 90 in the vicinity of Canal Road to the Mississippi State  
568 Port at Gulfport; \* \* \*

569 (t) An east Harrison County connector from U.S. 90 to  
570 I-10 to be located between the Cowan-Lorraine Road interchange and  
571 the I-110 interchange;

572 (u) U.S. Highway 49 from Clarksdale to Dublin; and

573 (v) Mississippi 6 from U.S. Highway 61 to the  
574 Quitman-Panola County Line.

575 (3) Authorization for the project described in paragraph  
576 (2)(s) of this section is conditioned upon receipt by the  
577 Mississippi Transportation Commission of a written commitment by  
578 the Department of Economic and Community Development to make  
579 available for such project not less than Six Million Dollars  
580 (\$6,000,000.00).

581 (4) All planning, construction, reconstruction and  
582 performance of the projects authorized under this section,  
583 including the letting of contracts, shall commence, proceed and be  
584 performed by the Mississippi Transportation Commission and the  
585 Mississippi Department of Transportation according to priorities  
586 based on volume capacity and traffic congestion in comparative

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587 project areas; however, if a project authorized in this section is  
588 also included in the four-lane highway program under Section  
589 65-3-97, then all contracts necessary to be let for the completion  
590 of the project under this section shall be let not later than the  
591 priorities established for the letting of contracts for the  
592 project under Section 65-3-97.

593 (5) (a) Funds for the projects authorized under this  
594 section may be provided through the issuance of bonds under  
595 Sections 65-39-5 through 65-39-33, through the issuance of notes  
596 for such purposes under Section 31-17-127 or from such monies as  
597 may be available in the Gaming Counties State-Assisted  
598 Infrastructure Fund created under Section 65-39-17.

599 (b) In addition to the funds provided for under  
600 paragraph (a) of this subsection, funds for the project described  
601 in subsection (2)(s) of this section also may be provided from any  
602 available federal, state, county or municipal funds authorized for  
603 such project, including the Economic Development Highway Act.

604 SECTION 11. Section 65-1-75, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
605 amended as follows:

606 65-1-75. (1) The Mississippi Transportation Commission is  
607 authorized and empowered to have the transportation department  
608 locate, construct, reconstruct and maintain any designated state  
609 highway under its jurisdiction to, through, across or around any  
610 municipality in the state, regardless of the width of the street  
611 between curbs; and in so locating it is fully empowered to follow  
612 the route of the existing street or to depart therefrom, as in its  
613 discretion it deems advisable, and to obtain and pay for the  
614 necessary rights-of-way, as provided in Section 65-1-47. The  
615 municipality in which such construction is to be undertaken is  
616 likewise authorized to acquire rights-of-way on any such streets  
617 or on any newly located routes, either by purchase, gift or  
618 condemnation. Such rights-of-way may be acquired by either the  
619 municipality or the transportation department, subject to the

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620 approval of the commission, and the cost thereof may be borne by  
621 either or both as may be mutually agreed upon. In any event such  
622 municipality may be required to save the commission and department  
623 harmless from any claims for damages arising from the construction  
624 of the highway through such municipality, including claims for  
625 rights-of-way, change of grade line, interference with public  
626 structures, and any and all damages so arising. Municipalities  
627 may secure additional improvements by payment of the additional  
628 cost of same. The commission may require such municipality to  
629 cause to be laid all water, sewer, gas or other pipelines or  
630 conduits, together with all necessary house or lot connections or  
631 services, to the curb line of such road or street to be  
632 constructed, and the commission is authorized to refuse to have  
633 the department lay such pipelines or conduits beneath such roads  
634 or streets until the municipality has laid same or entered into an  
635 agreement to reimburse the commission or department for the  
636 expense thereby incurred.

637 (2) All construction of state highways in or through  
638 municipalities, where done at the cost and expense of the state,  
639 whether heretofore or hereafter, shall be maintained in the same  
640 manner and to the same extent as is construction on state highways  
641 outside the limits of municipalities to the end that investment of  
642 the state in such highway so constructed may be preserved and  
643 maintained; and all reasonable rules and regulations with  
644 reference to the preservation and maintenance of such highways  
645 constructed at state expense, whether within or without municipal  
646 limits, may be promulgated by the commission, except that it shall  
647 have no power to promulgate police regulations contrary to  
648 existing law. On any municipal streets or parts or sections  
649 thereof taken over for regular maintenance and maintained by the  
650 department as a part of the state highway system, the municipality  
651 shall not be liable for negligence occasioned by the maintenance  
652 or repair of such streets thus apportioned to and of such width as

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653 is maintained by the department. The municipality shall have full  
654 control and responsibility beyond the curb lines of any designated  
655 highway or street, whether heretofore or hereafter so designated,  
656 (except the interstate system) located within its present or  
657 future expanded municipal corporate limits, regardless of the  
658 ownership of the right-of-way, including but not limited to, the  
659 construction and maintenance of sidewalks, grass mowing and  
660 drainage systems; however, the department may utilize the  
661 right-of-way purchased by the commission without any additional  
662 cost or permission.

663 The municipality shall not allow any encroachments, signs or  
664 billboards to be erected or to remain on state-owned rights-of-way  
665 on any designated highway within its corporate limits without the  
666 consent of the commission. The municipality, at its own expense,  
667 shall provide street illumination and shall clean all streets,  
668 including storm sewer inlets and catch basins. The commission may  
669 enter into an agreement with the municipality or with a private  
670 entity to sweep and clean the designated highways within or  
671 without the corporate limits. The commission may, at state  
672 expense, provide illumination and may clean all interstate  
673 highways within the corporate limits of any municipality. The  
674 right of the municipality to grant franchises over, beneath and  
675 upon such streets is specifically retained, but the municipality  
676 shall require every grantee of a franchise to restore, repair and  
677 replace to its original condition any portion of any such street  
678 damaged or injured by it; however, permission to open the surface  
679 of any municipal street maintained by the department must be  
680 obtained from both the commission and the municipality concerned  
681 before any such opening is made. Each municipality shall retain  
682 full police power over its streets, particularly as to regulating  
683 and enforcing traffic and parking restrictions on such streets,  
684 but any traffic control and parking regulations repugnant to state  
685 law shall be null and void. The commission shall have the

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686 department erect, control and maintain all highway route markers  
687 and directional signs on such streets at state expense. The  
688 commission, at state expense, shall have the department install,  
689 operate, maintain, control, and have full jurisdiction over, all  
690 traffic control devices, including, but not limited to, signals,  
691 signs, striping and lane markings on state highway streets in  
692 municipalities having a population of twenty thousand (20,000) or  
693 less according to the current U.S. census; but municipalities over  
694 twenty thousand (20,000) population according to such census shall  
695 install, operate, maintain and control such devices at their own  
696 expense, subject to approval of the executive director regarding  
697 operations, method of installation and type only. Municipalities  
698 having a population of five thousand (5,000) or more but less than  
699 twenty thousand (20,000) according to the most recent federal  
700 census shall only be responsible for electrical operating costs;  
701 and all other costs for the installation, operation and  
702 maintenance of traffic control devices, including the changing of  
703 signal bulbs in traffic signal lights, shall be the responsibility  
704 of the transportation department. The commission may purchase at  
705 state expense and install traffic control devices in  
706 municipalities over twenty thousand (20,000) population and donate  
707 them to the municipalities for operation and maintenance whenever  
708 it appears to the commission that, in the interest of safety or  
709 convenience of the motoring public, any of the devices should be  
710 upgraded, replaced or removed. Any revenue from parking meters on  
711 any such streets shall be controlled by and belong to the  
712 municipality.

713 (3) The maintenance of all streets within the limits of any  
714 municipality in this state, regardless of size, which are  
715 presently being regularly maintained, in whole or in part, by the  
716 department at state expense as a part or parts of any designated  
717 state highway shall be continued. Whenever any state highway runs  
718 into or through the corporate limits of any municipality, the

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719 municipal street or the street utilized and marked as a part of  
720 any such state highway may be a part of the state highway system  
721 and may be maintained by the department; however, such route  
722 through any municipality shall be selected by the commission by  
723 orders spread on its minutes describing all such routes, and such  
724 route or routes may be changed or relocated \* \* \* by the  
725 commission from time to time, all under the provisions, terms and  
726 conditions herein provided \* \* \*.

727 SECTION 12. This act shall take effect and be in force from  
728 and after July 1, 1999, and shall stand repealed from and after  
729 July 2, 1999.

**Further, amend by striking the title in its entirety and  
inserting in lieu thereof the following:**

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
2 TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT TO FOUR LANES FOR HIGHWAY TRAFFIC A  
3 CERTAIN PORTION OF OLD U.S. HIGHWAY 45 IN THE CITY OF MERIDIAN AND  
4 LAUDERDALE COUNTY; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF  
5 TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN EXITS AT CERTAIN POINTS  
6 ALONG MISSISSIPPI 25 IN LEAKE COUNTY; TO REQUIRE THE MISSISSIPPI  
7 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF  
8 CONSTRUCTING A CERTAIN FOUR-LANE CORRIDOR IN HARRISON COUNTY; TO  
9 DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT,  
10 RECONSTRUCT, STRAIGHTEN AND REALIGN A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF HIGHWAY  
11 IN PANOLA COUNTY, TO DESIGNATE SUCH HIGHWAY SEGMENT AS A PART OF  
12 THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO PLACE SUCH HIGHWAY UNDER THE  
13 JURISDICTION OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; TO DESIGNATE A  
14 CERTAIN ADDITIONAL SECTION OF HIGHWAY IN KEMPER COUNTY AS A PART  
15 OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO PLACE IT UNDER THE JURISDICTION  
16 OF THE MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; TO REQUIRE THE  
17 MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AS A  
18 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY A CERTAIN PORTION OF HIGHWAY 7; TO DESIGNATE A  
19 CERTAIN SECTION OF ROAD IN CHICKASAW COUNTY AS A PART OF THE STATE  
20 HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND TO PLACE IT UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE  
21 MISSISSIPPI TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION; TO DIRECT THE MISSISSIPPI  
22 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONSTRUCT AN INTERCHANGE AT A  
23 CERTAIN LOCATION ON U.S. HIGHWAY 45 AT MERIDIAN; TO AMEND SECTION  
24 65-3-97, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO REVISE A PROVISION IN THE  
25 FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM THAT AUTHORIZES THE CONSTRUCTION OF  
26 EITHER A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY 24/48 IN AMITE AND  
27 PIKE COUNTIES OR A CERTAIN SEGMENT OF U.S. HIGHWAY 98 IN AMITE,  
28 PIKE AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES, IN ORDER TO INCLUDE BOTH SEGMENTS  
29 WITHIN THE FOUR-LANE HIGHWAY PROGRAM UNDER THE SAME CRITERIA AS  
30 OTHER SEGMENTS IN PHASE FOUR OF SUCH PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION  
31 65-39-1, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL SEGMENTS  
32 OF HIGHWAY IN COAHOMA COUNTY IN THE GAMING COUNTIES STATE-ASSISTED  
33 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM; TO AMEND SECTION 65-1-75, MISSISSIPPI CODE  
34 OF 1972, TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONTINUE  
35 TO MAINTAIN PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAYS WITHIN MUNICIPALITIES THAT  
36 ARE ABANDONED; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.